AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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Please enter the following amendments to the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (currently amended)

- 13. A method for combatting harmful plants in cotton crops, which comprises applying a herbicidal composition to the harmful plants or to the area where the harmful plants reside, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises a herbicide combination comprising a synergistically effective amount of
- (A) a broad-spectrum herbicide consisting of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of
 - (A1) compounds of the formula (A1),

$$H_3C$$
 P
 CH_2
 $CH_$

(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula —OH or a peptide radical of the formula — NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH(CH₃)COOH or

- —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH[CH₂CH(CH₃)₂]COOH, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;
- (A2) compounds of the formula (A2) and the salts of said compounds

$$HO \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2$$

-(A2)

and

- (B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of
 - (B1) norflurazon, methylarsonic acid and its salts, diuron, cyanazine, prometryn, elomazone, trifluralin, metolachlor, linuron, paraquat (salts) and—pendimethalin;
 - (B2) lactofen, oxyfluorfen, bispyribac or its salts, and pyrithiobac or its salts;
 - (B3) quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters, and propaquizafop; and
 - (B4) sethoxydim and clethodim, and optionally one or more safeners

wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to the herbicides (A) and (B) in said combination, and with the exception of combinations of active substances comprising a combination of (A1) glufosinate and (B) lactofen and/or oxyfluorfen and/or pendimethalin.

Claim 14 (currently amended)

14. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises a herbicide combination comprising a synergistically effective amount of (A1) compounds of the formula (A1),

$$H_3C$$
 P
 CH_2
 $CH_$

(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or a peptide radical of the formula —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH(CH₃)COOH or —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH[CH₂CH(CH₃)₂]COOH, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;

and

- (B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of
 - (B1) <u>metolachlor</u> norflurazon, methylarsonic acid and its salts, diuron, prometryn, clomazone, trifluralin and linuron; and
 - (B2) pyrithiobac or its salts;
 - (B3) quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, and haloxyfop-P or its esters; and
 - (B4) sethoxydim and elethodim, and optionally one or more safeners

wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to the herbicides (A) and (B) in said combination.

Claim 15 (currently amended)

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B1) metolachlor norflurazon.

Claims 16-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended)

21. A method as claimed in claim <u>13</u> 14, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B2) bispyribac or its salts (B1) linuron.

Claim 22 (currently amended)

22. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B2) pyrithiobac or its salts.

Claim 23 (currently amended)

23. A method as claim in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) pyrithiobac selected from the group consisting of (B3) quizalofop P or its esters and/or quizalofop or its esters.

Claims 24-26 (cancelled)

Claim 27 (currently amended)

27. A method as claimed in claim $\underline{13}$ 14, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4) sethoxydim.

Claim 28 (currently amended)

28. A method as claimed in claim <u>13</u> 14, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4) clethodim.

Claims 29-46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (currently amended)

- 47. A herbicidal composition which comprises a combination of
- (A) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of
 - (A1) compounds of the formula (A1),

$$H_3C$$
 P
 CH_2
 $CH_$

(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or a peptide radical of the formula —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH(CH₃)COOH or —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH[CH₂CH(CH₃)₂]COOH, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;

(A2) compounds of the formula (A2) and the salts of said compounds

$$HO \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow CH_2$$

-(A2)

and

- (B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of
 - (B1') metolachlor methylarsonic acid, diuron, clomazone, trifluralin and pendimethalin;
 - (B2') lactofen, oxyfluorfen, pyrithiobae bispyribae or its salts, and pyrithiobae or its salts;
 - (B3')—quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop P or its esters; and
 - (B4') sethoxydim and clethodim, and
- (C) optionally adjuvants or auxiliaries customarily used in crop protection with the exception of combinations comprising a combination of (A1) glufosinate and (B) diuron, lactofen, oxyfluorfen and/or pendimethalin.

Claim 48 (currently amended)

- 48. A herbicidal composition of claim 47 which comprises a combination of
- (A) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of
 - (A1) compounds of the formula (A1),

$$H_3C$$
 P
 CH_2
 $CH_$

(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or a peptide radical of the formula —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH(CH₃)COOH or —NHCH(CH₃)CONHCH[CH₂CH(CH₃)₂]COOH, or the esters, salts and other phosphinothricine derivatives of said peptide radicals;

and

- (B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of
 - (B1') metolachlor methylarsonic acid, clomazone and trifluralin;
 - (B2') pyrithiobac or its salts;
 - (B3') quizalofop-P or its esters, quizalofop or its esters, fenoxaprop P or its esters, fenoxaprop or its esters, fluazifop-P or its esters, fluazifop or its esters, haloxyfop or its esters, haloxyfop-P or its esters; and
 - (B4') sethoxydim and clethodim, and
- (C) optionally adjuvants or auxiliaries customarily used in crop protection.

Claim 49 (currently amended)

49. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is (B1) metolachlor selected from the group consisting of (B1') methylarsonic acid.

Claim 50 (currently amended)

50. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim <u>47</u> 48, wherein herbicide (B) is <u>(B2)</u> bispyribac or its salts selected from the group consisting of (B1') clomazone.

Claim 51 (currently amended)

51. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) pyrithiobac or its salts selected from the group consisting of (B1') trifluralin.

Claim 52 (previously presented)

52. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B2') pyrithiobac.

Claims 53-56 (cancelled)

Claim 57 (currently amended)

57. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim <u>47</u> 48, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4') sethoxydim.

Claim 58 (currently amended)

58. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim <u>47</u> 48, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4') clethodim.

Claims 59-73 (cancelled)

Claim 74 (previously presented)

74. A method for influencing the yield or the constituents of cotton plants which comprises applying a herbicidal composition according to claim 47 to the cotton plants or to an area where they reside.